

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	Criminal No. 21-30028-MGM
)	
v.)	
)	
BENJAMIN SHACAR)	

INTERIM STATUS CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

The United States of America, by and through its attorneys, Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell and Assistant United States Attorney Alex J. Grant, and the defendant Benjamin Shacar, by and through his attorney, Elaine Pourinski, submit this memorandum to address the issues delineated in 116.5(b)(1)-(10).

1. The government has made its automatic disclosures. There are no pending discovery requests.
2. The government has made the child pornography and electronic evidence available to the defense. Defense counsel has reviewed the child pornography evidence at the office of the investigation agency, and counsel has obtained a computer expert to review the evidence. The expert's review needs to be scheduled.
3. There may be additional discovery requests in the future based on the defendant's review of the automatic discovery.
4. A protective order has been entered.
5. The defense may file a motion to suppress.
6. The parties wish for a schedule for expert witness disclosures to be established at a subsequent status conference.
7. The defense does not intend to raise the defenses of insanity, public authority, or alibi at this time.

8. The parties request that the Court enter an order of excludable delay under the Speedy Trial Act from September 15, 2021 until the date of the next hearing. The continuance is necessary to allow the defense to review automatic discovery. This exclusion would serve the “ends of justice” within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). A proposed order is attached.

9. The parties have had preliminary plea discussions.

10. The parties request that a final status conference be set for 60 days after the interim status conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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